AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A case for an electronic device, comprising:

protective material for accepting said electronic device, said protective material enclosing said electronic device to maintain said electronic device within said case, the shape of said case when accepting said electronic device being different than said shape of said case when enclosing said electronic device; ~~and~~

a controlling interface for handling electrical signals, said controlling interface having exterior user controls disposed on said protective material for manipulation by a user of said electronic device, said electronic device maintained within said case being controllable by said electrical signals from said exterior user controls; and

user control circuitry for transferring said electrical signals between said electronic device and said controlling interface, said user control circuitry being mounted within said protective material,

wherein said electronic device has user controls and control circuitry, said exterior user controls being separate from said user controls and control circuitry.

16. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is operable separate and apart from said case.

17. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is one of an audio device, a video device, a pager, a telephone, a camera, an electronic planner, and a computer processor.

18. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electronic device is enclosed within said case using one of a hook and loop fastener member, magnetic force, and a snap device.

19. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said protective material includes one of a waterproof casing, electromagnetic insulating material, and shock absorbent material.

20. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said exterior user controls produce command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

21. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

a pocket portion for accepting said electronic device, said electronic device being received within said pocket portion.

22. (currently amended) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

a connection port attached to said case, said connection port receiving said electronic device or being inserted into said electronic device, said electrical signals being transferred between said electronic device and said controlling interface by way of said connection port.

23. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, further comprising:

at least one audio speaker, enclosed within a compartment of said case, that receives audio signals from said controlling interface.

24. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein said controlling interface is used as an upgraded set of controls.

25. (previously presented) A case according to claim 24, wherein said controlling interface produces command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

26. (previously presented) A case according to claim 15, wherein an electrical jack is integrally provided in said case.

27. (previously presented) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an audio output to accommodate a cord and plug connected to a speaker.

28. (previously presented) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises a modem output.

29. (previously presented) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an electrical input by which power is provided to operate said electronic device.

30. (previously presented) A case according to claim 26, wherein said electrical jack comprises an electrical input through which power is provided to store a charge for said electronic device.

31. (canceled)

32. (currently amended) A case according to claim 15, wherein said electrical signals are wirelessly transferred between said controlling interface and said electronic device.

~~31, wherein said electrical communication is wireless communication.~~

33. (currently amended) A method comprising:

accepting an electronic device within a case, said electronic device having user controls and control circuitry;

enclosing said electronic device within said case, the shape of said case when accepting said electronic device being different than said shape of said case when enclosing said electronic device;

disposing exterior user controls of a controlling interface on said case;

transferring electrical signals between said electronic device and said controlling interface; and

using said electrical signals from said exterior user controls to control said electronic device enclosed within said case,

wherein said exterior user controls are for manipulation by a user of said electronic device, and

wherein said exterior user controls are separate from said user controls and control circuitry.

34. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein said electronic device is operable separate and apart from said case.

35. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein said electronic device is one of an audio device, a video device, a pager, a telephone, a camera, an electronic planner, and a computer processor.

36. (canceled)

37. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33, wherein said exterior user controls produce command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

38. (previously presented) A method according to claim 33, further comprising the step of:

using said controlling interface as an upgraded set of controls.

39. (previously presented) A method according to claim 38, wherein said controlling interface produces command signals that operate functions that are not operated by the user controls and control circuitry.

40. (currently amended) A case for an electronic device, comprising:

protective material for accepting said electronic device, said protective material using a fastening device to enclose said electronic device within said case, a hook and loop fastener member being used as said fastening device to enclose said electronic device within said case; ~~and~~

a controlling interface for handling electrical signals, said controlling interface having exterior user controls disposed on said protective material for manipulation by a user of said electronic device, said electronic device enclosed within said case being controllable by said electrical signals from said exterior user controls; and

user control circuitry for transferring said electrical signals between said electronic device and said controlling interface, said user control circuitry being mounted within said protective material,

wherein said electronic device has user controls and control circuitry, said exterior user controls being separate from said user controls and control circuitry.

41. (previously presented) A case according to claim 40, wherein said electronic device is operable separate and apart from said case.